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In re application of:

Gordon et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed 12 May 2003, the response to which was set to expire on 12 August 2003. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith to extend the due date to 14 October 2003 (the 12th was Saturday and the 13th was a Federal holiday). The pending claims, claims 1-3, 9, 10, 14, 28, 29, 43, 45, and 51-62 were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendment are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page 22 of the Specification, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

Paradigms to design degenerate primer pairs are well known in the art. For example, a COnsensus-DEgenerate Hybrid Oligonucleotide Primer (CODEHOP) strategy computer program is accessible at <http://blocks.fhcrc.org/codehop.html>, and is directly linked from the BlockMaker multiple sequence alignment site for hybrid primer prediction beginning with a set of related protein sequences, (see, e.g., Rose (1998) Nucleic Acids Res. 26:1628-1635; Singh (1998) Biotechniques 24:318-319).

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